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SUBJECT: MARYKNOLL REPRESENTATIVES CALL ON AMBASSADOR

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1. ON NOVEMBER 26, FATHER JAMES NOONAN, MARYKNOLL SUPERIOR, AND FATHER JOHN DOWLING, MARYKNOLL PRIEST STATIONED IN MANILA, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR. THEY PRESENTED HIM WITH LETTER ASKING WHETHER EMBASSY KNEW BEFOREHAND OF GERLOCK'S IMPENDING DEPORTATION AND ALSO WHETHER EMBASSY HAD PROTESTED ACTION AFTER IT OCCURRED. THEY ALSO REQUESTED COPIES OF PROTEST. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ON NOVEMBER 17 HE HAD HEARD PAPAL NUNCIO SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE ARREST OF GERLOCK AND HAD ASSUMED NUNCIO WOULD INFORM MARYKNOLL. BEGIN FYI - COMMISSIONER REYES INFORMED NUNCIO OF DEPORTATION NOVEMBER 16 END FYI. NOONAN SAID NUNCIO HAD NOT PASSED WORD TO MARYKNOLL.

2. AMBASSADOR REHEARSED EMBASSY'S UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS GAIN ACCESS TO BOTH GERLOCK AND BOOMS. AMBASSADOR ALSO CITED NOTES SENT TO DFA AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL'S CALLING IN OF AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ. PRIESTS ASKED FOR COPIES OF NOTES. AMBASSADOR SAID WE COULD PROVIDE SUBSTANCE BUT NOT COPIES. DURING DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED GOP'S SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHAT ALIENS COULD ENTER OR STAY IN COUNTRY BUT STRESSED OUR CONCERN WITH VIOLATION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION.

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3. NOONAN GAVE EMBASSY COPY OF LETTER GERLOCK

HAD WRITTEN FROM HAWAII DETAILING CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEPORTATION AND IMMIGRATION CHARGES. AMBASSADOR NOTED LETTER WOULD BE USEFUL FOR CONSUL GENERAL'S DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSIONER REYES WHEN HE RETURNS FROM US. NOONAN AND DOWLING SAID GERLOCK DENIES "ADMITTING" TO VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION AND CLAIMED INSTANCES OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY GOP CITES IN CHARGES WERE CHURCH SANCTIONED MEETINGS.

4. NOONAN AND DOWLING THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR MEETING AND SAID THEY WOULD BE SEEING NUNCIO. NOONAN ADDED THAT AT LEAST 68 CHURCH LAY LEADERS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN DAVAO ORIENTAL AND DAVAO DEL NORTE. AMCIT MARYKNOLL BISHOP REAGAN (WHO IS PRELATE OF TAGUM) IS IN MANILA SEEKING TO SEE PRESIDENT MARCOS ON THE MATTER. NOONAN SPECULATED THAT LAYMEN WERE PICKED UP BECAUSE PANAMIN HEAD MANDA ELIZALDE VIEWS CHURCH AS THREAT TO HIS TOTAL CONTROL OF MINORITY PEOPLE IN AREA.

5. COMMENT: NOONAN AND DOWLING SEEMED REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH THEIR MEETING. THEY UNDERSTAND EVEN IF THEY CANNOT ACCEPT FACT THAT GOP CAN DETERMINE WHAT ALIENS MAY BE ADMITTED OR STAY. THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT GERLOCK LACKS SUPPORT OF NUNCIO AND CARDINAL AND THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GALVANIZE THEM ON HIS CASE ALONE. SULLIVAN

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